

**LSTA Grants Awarded
January 2012**

Summer Library Program - \$188,111

Albany Carnegie Public Library - \$7,403

The Library will provide a *Dream Big - READ! @ CPL* summer reading program that targets preschoolers, children, teens and adults. There are 5 preschool programs to be repeated twice, 9 children programs, 3 teen programs and 2 adult programs planned that will have age-appropriate activities and a reading and/or library service tie-in. The Albany R-3 School District will provide time within the summer school day for students to visit the public library and participate in scheduled programs.

Barton County Library - \$7,220

The Library will offer two summer reading programs: *Dream Big – Read!* for children and *Own the Night* for teens. For children, there will be weekly story time events at the main branch and 1-2 story times a month at the two smaller branches. If summer school is not held, the Library proposes having a reading class for middle school students that will focus on the Mark Twain and Truman award nominees. The Missouri Department of Conservation will provide staff and equipment needed for a program on nocturnal animals. Other partners will assist in promoting the summer reading program to their consumers.

Canton Public Library - \$2,520

The Library will target different groups in this expansion of their traditional summer reading program. All groups will be encouraged to read and have special activities and presentations that are age-appropriate. Children age 3-12 will use the *Dream Big – Read* theme; the teen group, a new target audience, will use the *Own the Night* theme; and the adult theme, a new attempt to bring seniors to the library, will be *The Way We Were*. The Library will partner with the Canton Festival Theater Group for the children age 9 to 12 target group. The Group will use dramatic activities with the children that coordinate with the reading theme of the day, such as using shadow puppets to act out a scene from a book.

Cape Girardeau Public Library - \$12,750

This 9-week program will reach children, teens and adults. The children's reading club will follow the *Dream Big – Read* theme. There will be themed weekly programs with an art or other creative work emphasis. The teen reading club will have an *Own the Night* theme. Minecraft construction programs, famous artists, photography and weekly programs including movie night, murder mystery and trivia will also be held. The adult reading club will use the theme *Between the Covers*. Special programs will feature cowboy cooking, camping, night photography, art and a summer movie series.

Carrollton Public Library - \$6,623

The Library will offer summer reading programs targeting children ages 1-12 with *Dream Big-READ* as a theme and *Own the Night* as the theme for teens. Activities will include story times, programs, crafts, activities and speakers. The University of Missouri Extension provides support for the nutrition programs. The U.S. Army will provide a program on "Night Ops Equipment".

Centralia Public Library - \$3,285

The Library will offer a summer reading program, *Dream Big-READ* for children preschool through fifth grade and *Own the Night* for youth in sixth through twelfth grade. Age-appropriate programs and activities will be developed surrounding each theme. The Centralia R-VI school district will be a partner in the program, marketing the program prior to the regular school year dismissal and having all summer school classes come to the Library each day for program activities. School staff will assist students at program events. The Centralia Parks and Recreation will also serve as a partner, allowing the Library to use the park shelter at no charge for program events.

Daniel Boone Regional Library - \$12,002

The purpose of the grant is to expand summer reading opportunities for K-8th graders who do not have easy access to a library building during the summer months. This includes reaching out to students in 14 area schools that are at least 11 miles from a Daniel Boone Regional Library building. A snail mail book program will be offered to these children and 8 educational programs will be presented.

Gentry County Library - \$7,300

The Library will provide a summer reading program based on the theme *Dream Big – Read @ Your Library*. Summer School curriculum at the partner schools will be tied to the reading program theme. Outreach efforts will focus on rural families with transportation issues whose job commitments can make taking advantage of the summer library program difficult. Every program begins with story time and has complementary activities and/or presentations planned.

Hannibal Free Public Library - \$5,720

In this grant proposal, the Library focuses on reaching older children and young teens through a *Dream Big-Read* program for children and *Own the Night* program for teens. The Foster Grandparent Program will provide project volunteers. The Friends of the Library will help chaperone a teen lock-in and assist with the Clue Life-Size program for a general audience.

Independence School District, Truman High School - \$4,241

The Truman High School will offer an eight-week summer library program to students age 14-18 from the three high schools in the Independence School District. The program will have a variety of reading groups available to participants: Required, Gateway, Hi/Low, and Non-fiction. Special presentations will include author presentations using Skype. The Mid-Continent Public Library YA librarian will participate in author events, creation of book trailers and more. English teachers from the high schools will assist with book discussions, questions, feedback and help with any assignments attached to the summer reading books. The Independence Police Department will provide a speaker from their Crime Scene Investigative Unit. The River City Paranormal Society of Kansas City will provide guest speakers who will present historical information on the city and the paranormal, and demonstrate the equipment they use.

Joplin Public Library - \$12,000

In addition to providing traditional summer reading services for all ages, the Library will also use community partners to reach underserved populations. Three elementary school libraries and the high school library will be kept open during summer session. Library staff will offer a special summer reading program for teens housed in the Intensive Skills Unit of the Turn Around Ranch, a facility for teens with emotional disturbances and developmental disabilities.

Kirkwood Public Library - \$6,007

The Library will provide weekly outreach programs and off-site checkout to give more access to library materials and better serve children of working parents through bringing the library to area parks, day camps and day cares. The Library will partner with the Robinson Elementary School to provide weekly visits to Meacham Park. The Library will also continue a Reading Buddies program partnering children entering grades 1-4 with teen volunteers for one-on-one reading time. Teens will be equipped for their role through special training.

Missouri River Regional Library - \$9,400

The Library will offer a Reading Buddies programs to struggling readers attending summer school, grades K-2, in the Jefferson City Public Schools district. Teen volunteers from the middle and high schools will be recruited to serve as mentors. Reading buddies will meet once a week during the summer to read together, play literacy-based games and do group craft projects. The program will be offered three times a week in June and twice a week in July.

Moberly Public Schools - \$10,000

Moberly Public Schools and Little Dixie Regional Libraries are partnering to bring *Dream Big-READ!* and *Own the Night* summer reading programs to children and teens attending summer school at the Moberly Public Schools. Additionally, librarians will provide programs at area community day cares and the YMCA. They will team with the Randolph County Caring Communities to reach underserved populations, and the district's A+ and Foster Grandparent Programs to enhance services. Children to age 18 will be served, with emphasis on Pre-K through 8th grade students.

Mound City Public Library - \$4,700

The Library will provide an eight-week, multi-age summer reading program surrounding the theme, *Dream Big-Read!* The Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge will provide staff, materials and use of the facility for three night-themed events. The Northwest Department of Geology/Geography will provide interactive 45-minute programs on Missouri's mining heritage that incorporate the reading program theme. The Northwest Department of Chemistry/Physics will provide a presentation on the wonders of space.

Nevada Public Library - \$4,502

The Library will offer an 8-week reading program to children, teens and senior citizens to maintain and improve their reading skills and further their love of books. A weekly bookmobile book event will be held at the local senior center and the Nevada Housing Authority to reach senior citizens. Weekly activities and programs will be held for children and teens at the library. School librarians will promote the program in their schools and assist with assemblies. Because the library has limited space, the Franklin P. Norman community center will be available for weekly events.

Riverside Regional Library - \$10,721

The Library will offer a summer reading program for children from birth to 11 years with a theme of *Dream Big-Read @ Your Library* and for youth from 12-17 years with a theme *Own the Night*, and *Between the Covers* for adults. Weekly story time programs will be held for children. There will be special events targeting different age-groups throughout the reading program. Some of these events will be held at partner sites. Preschools and day cares will encourage their clients to participate in the library's summer reading program.

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library - \$11,566

The Library will offer an 8-week, *Dream Big-Read* summer reading program to engage children in reading. The target group is children, age birth through 12 who are in child care settings, at summer school, or considered “latch-key”. Educational presentations and craft activities to support the theme will be offered. Partners will assist in promoting the program to their consumers.

Saint Clair County Library - \$7,000

The Library will offer a ten-week summer reading program for children age 2 through High School surrounding the theme *Dream Big-READ!* at both of its branches. Two programs with crafts will be hosted weekly at each branch. Additionally, the library will bring the program to Head Start and the Osceola Housing Authority through its bookmobile service.

Saint Louis County Library - \$5,502

The Library will target infant, preschool and daycare-aged children at three underserved day cares and 25 in-home day cares in a two-pronged summer library program approach. In-home centers will be serviced through a mail-based reading program. Service to larger child care centers will be conducted through weekly bookmobile service. The summer reading program will end with a celebration featuring a storyteller who will give the participants the opportunity to experience the oral tradition and reinforce language and reading development to inspire reluctant readers to keep reading after the program ends. Child Care Aware of Eastern Missouri will provide guidance in identifying the day cares in most need of the service.

Saint Louis Public Library - \$14,040

In this program, the Library will target very young children, under age 2; groups from day cares, summer schools, day camps, etc.; and teens, especially teen parents. The Library will reach these new target audiences through school outreach presentations, programs presented at Parent Infant Interaction Program (PIIP) sites, bookmarks distributed through schools and day cares, and the library’s website. After-hours events will be held for families and teens to help sustain interest in the reading program throughout the summer months.

Sikeston Public Library - \$8,609

The Library will offer a summer reading program targeting children in grades K-8. Partnerships will include the YMCA of Southeast Missouri Summer Day Camp and Lincoln University Cooperative Extension Summer Enrichment Camp. Campers will be taken to the library by YMCA and Lincoln staff, and divided into groups, K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 with special activities appropriate for each age group with a tie to the themes *Dream Big-READ* for K-5 and *Own the Night* for grades 6-8.

Springfield-Greene County Library District - \$15,000

The Library will deliver its Summer Reading to Go Program to 80 sites in Greene County. Pre-teens and teens will be reached through book clubs at select local community sites. Adults and families will be reached through the Salvation Army Family Enrichment Program and The Kitchen Inc. Family Nurturing Center. The Library will continue to use its “train-the-trainer” approach to reach the summer school students and day camp participants.